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IN ROME'S VIEWS ON NETHERLANDS PAPER ON INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: GENEVA GROUP IN ROME, IN EVENING MEETING JANUARY
23, READILY REACHED CONSENSUS CLOSE TO THAT OUTLINED IN
REF A. IT DECIDED THERE WAS LITTLE POINT IN DISCUSSING DEF-
INITIVELY IN GENEVA ISSUES STILL BEING WORKED OUT BY OR BE-
TWEEN UN SECRETARIAT, FAO, IBRD, ET ALII. - SUCH AS INTER-
NATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, ISSUE OF
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT, AND RECONSTITUTION
OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.

1. GROUP COMMENTED THAT NETHERLANDS PAPER GAVE TOO LITTLE
ATTENTION TO CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND
INVESTMENT. NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE READILY AGREED THAT
THIS WAS MOVING AHEAD RAPIDLY AND SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE ATTENTION.

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2. ON INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, UNITED

KINGDOM AND GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTED THAT NETHERLANDS APPROACH HAD BEEN SUPERSEDED BY SYG'S DECISION IN NEW YORK THAT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL HANNAH SHOULD SOUND OUT GOVERNMENTS FURTHER BEFORE PROCEEDING. NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE NOTED FUND SHOULD BE LINKED WITH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AND UK REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT FULL USE SHOULD BE MADE OF EXISTING IBRD-FAO STRUCTURES OF FUND DOES MATERIALIZE. NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE POINTED OUT THAT IDAF, IF INDEED DEVELOPED, WOULD BE ONLY FUND EAR-MARKED FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. UK CHAIRMAN AND SOME OTHER GROUP MEMBERS SUGGESTED THAT U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN BE PREPARED ON BEHALF OF GROUP TO BRIEF GENEVA MEETING ON FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA'S JANUARY 17 BRIEFING ON FAO RELATIONS WITH WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY ON PHILOSOPHY OF THOSE RELATIONS. U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN TOOK VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO RAISE MATTER IN THIS FORM. THIS WAS AGREED, AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ROME PARTICIPANTS MERELY BE PREPARED TO GIVE BOERMA'S VIEWS IF CALLED UPON. NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE TUINMAN WENT BEYOND NETHERLANDS PAPER TO DISCUSS SUGGESTIONS OF LINKAGE BETWEEN FAO COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE ON ONE HAND AND WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ON OTHER. PAUL BYRNES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, POINTED OUT THAT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL HAD BEEN GIVEN ITS OWN MANDATE TO FORMULATE ITS WORK PATTERN, AND MIGHT NOT BE PLEASED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ATTEMPTING TO DO MORE THAN MAKE OFFERS OR SUGGESTIONS. TUINMAN AGREED, COMMENTING THAT THE IDEAS HE HAD PUT FORTH HAD NOT CLEARLY BEEN ACCEPTED EVEN WITHIN THE FAO COMMITTEES.

4. ON QUESTION OF RECONSTITUTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN TOOK POSITION THAT ISSUE IS IN SUSPENSE BECAUSE UN SYG WALDHEIM DID NOT ACCEPT WORLD FOOD PROGRAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AQUINO'S PROPOSALS, AND ENTIRE MATTER IS SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR AFTER GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION LEVEL XII. CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED STAYING OUT OF ISSUE, AND THIS WAS AGREED.

5. IN ADDITION TO U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER A. NORRED, NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE ABE S. TUINMAN, WHO IS MEMBER OF FAO PROGRAM COMMITTEE, WILL ALSO ATTEND GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEVEL XII.

6. IT WAS DECIDED AT THE GENEVA GROUP ROME MEETING ON JANUARY 23 THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER MEETING OF THIS GROUP UNTIL AFTER GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATION LEVEL XII. VOLPE

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